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# **Cheryl Dinolfo**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **DINOLFO MAKES KEY PUBLIC SAFETY APPOINTMENTS**

*Appoints Timothy Kohlmeier as Deputy Public Safety Director,  
Steven Schalabba as County Fire Coordinator*

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced her appointment of **Timothy Kohlmeier** to the position of Deputy Public Safety Director, a new title created to consolidate emergency services' teams and to enhance public safety coordination efforts. As Deputy Public Safety Director, Kohlmeier will directly oversee the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) as well as the County Fire Bureau and the County's Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

*"Tim Kohlmeier has the unique blend of qualifications necessary to lead this essential office and enhance our capacity to respond to an emergency," said **Dinolfo**. "With over 25 years of firefighting experience, Tim is a well-respected first responder and County residents should feel confident with his steady hand in times of emergency."*

The OEM executes the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for disaster relief before, during and after any type of natural or man-made disaster. The Office also develops and maintains the County's plan to include prevention/mitigation, readiness, response and recovery. The Director of OEM oversees the Monroe County Emergency Operations Center.

Kohlmeier brings experience as a firefighter with the West Webster Fire District and as Assistant Fire Chief with the Ridge Culver Fire District as well as existing knowledge of the County's public safety infrastructure through his previous role in the County Fire Bureau.

*"Keeping our community safe has been my focus for almost thirty years," said **Kohlmeier**. "I want to thank County Executive Dinolfo for giving me this new opportunity and I look forward to working with our public safety team in proactively ensuring our community's safety."*

Also today, **Dinolfo** announced her appointment of **Steven Schalabba** as Monroe County Fire Coordinator. Schalabba has nearly 30 years of proven leadership in the fire service including eight years with the County Fire Bureau managing the Monroe County Hazardous Materials Response Team and Special Operations Unit, and 28 years with the Fairport Fire Department. Steve take over the position from former Fire Coordinator Sam DeRosa who was recently installed as the North Greece Fire Chief.

*“Serving as a long-time firefighter, Steve Schalabba has the experience and dedication needed to serve as Fire Coordinator,” said **Dinolfo**. “I’m thrilled he has agreed to continue collaborating with area Fire Districts and share his passion for firefighter safety and continuing education in his new role.”*

The Monroe County Fire Bureau provides firefighter training, fire investigation services, hazardous material and technical rescue responses and field coordination to the 37 county, town and village fire departments. The Fire Bureau is also the local liaison to the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

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